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SUBJECT: PARTICULAR POINTS THAT MAY ARISE IN AMBASSADOR
TODMAN'S FIRST MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AND
THE KING

1. WE EXPECT THE INITITAL CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER OREJA AND KING JUAN CARLOS NEXT WEEK TO BE PRI-
MARILY PROTOCOLARY AND COURTESY IN NATURE, ALTHOUGH BOTH
OREJA AND THE KING MAY HAVE ONE OR TWO PARTICULAR POINTS
OF INTEREST ON WHICH THEY WILL NATURALLY FOCUS. WE ARE
CERTAIN THAT BOTH WILL STRESS THEIR WARM WELCOME OF
AMBASSADOR TODMAN, THEIR DESIRE FOR CONTINUED CLOSE AND
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR
SUPPORT FOR THE SUCCESS OF AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S MISSION
IN SPAIN. IN THIS REGARD, OREJA MAY PARTICULARLY ALLUDE
TO RELATIONS WITH THE PPE5S, SINCE HE WILL HAVE FRESH IN
HIS MIND A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION THAT HE HAD WITH THE
PRESS LAST WEEK, DURING WHICH HE HAS TOLD THE CHARGE THAT
HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THAT AMBAS-
SADOR TODMAN WOULD WANT TO HAVE, AND IN FACT WOULD HAVE,
CLOSE AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH THEM.

2. OREJA'S ATTENTION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS FOCUSSSED AT
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THIS TIME ON HOW THE CANARIES ISSUE WILL COME OUT AT THE
KHARTOUM SUMMIT, THE GENRAL PROBLEM OF THE SAHARA AND
SPANISH RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO AND ALGERIA, AND THE
FUTURE ORIENTATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MAURETANIA.
HE WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE MOST RECENT USG INFORMATION
AND VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DURAN TOLD THE CHARGE THIS MORNING

THAT OOEJA IS NOW RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CANARIES ISSUE AT KHARTOUM, AND IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED. DURAN PARTICULARLY MENTIONED THE POSITIVE ROLE THAT LIBERIA APPEARS TO BE PLAYING AND OREJA'S FEELING THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

3. OREJA WILL ALSO NATURALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM AMBASSADOR TODMAN DIRECTLY REGARDING THE PROSPECTIVE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL (REF SECTO 8003); AND, WHILE OREJA IS NOT SO DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTER OF DEFENSE GUTIERREZ MELLADO'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, THIS MAY WELL BE A SUBJECT THAT BOTH HE AND THE KING WILL WANT TO TALK ABOUT BRIEFLY.

4. BEYOND WELCOMING AMBASSADOR TODMAN, THE KING'S FOCUS IS MORE LIKELY TO BE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HE MAY WELL BE PREPARED TO SAY SOMETHING ON THE BASQUE ISSUE AND HOW HE SEES THE GENERAL PROCESS OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY GOING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE PROBABLY WILL REFER TO HIS TRIP TO CHINA AND MAY ALSO REFER TO MAHGREB ISSUES.

5. AMBASSADOR TODMAN WILL OF COURSE WISH IN BOTH CONVERSATIONS TO UNDERLINE UNITED STATES CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS AND DESIRE FOR CONTINUED

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WARM AND POSITIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN. EATON

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